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Students and parents alike are enjoying the last days of summer and that means more drivers on the road and more traffic cutting through the Santa Monica Mountains. The leading cause of traffic fatalities statewide is unsafe speed and the CHP will be out in force reminding motorists to slow down.

The West Valley CHP and Los Angeles
County Sheriffs have teamed up to
introduce a comprehensive traffic safety
program they call "Operation Safe
Canyons." It is intended to help identify
and confront the growing problem of
illegal racing and unsafe driving in the
Santa Monicas. Although unsafe driving is
not new in the Santa Monica Mountains,
its frequency has increased with the
advancements of high performance vehicles.

Enclosed is some helpful information and some resources on how to safely and responsibly enjoy the beautiful canyon roads.

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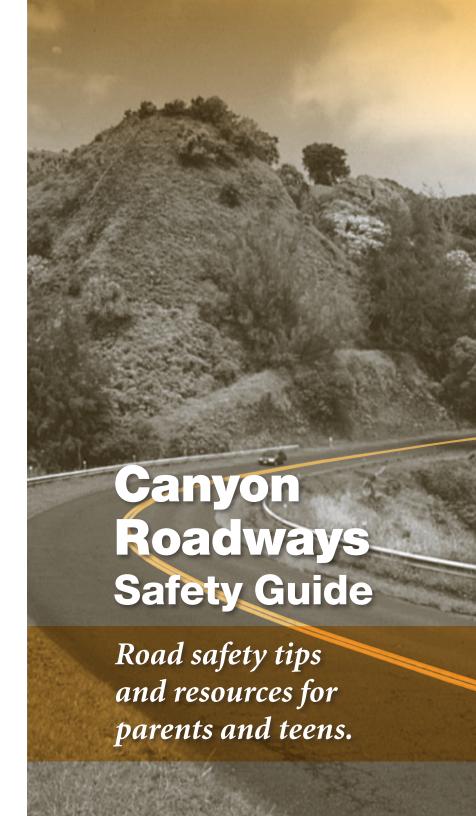
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# You Can Help

In particular, law enforcement would like to hear about:

- Motorcycles and high performance vehicles driving recklessly on Mulholland Highway west of Decker Canyon and on Stunt Road.
- Motorcycles and high performance vehicles traveling in the wrong direction.
- Exhibition of speed (i.e. wheelies, burnouts, other stunts) on Mulholland Highway, especially east of Kanan Road.
- Drivers who appear to be driving under the influence.
- Defacing of county roadways and signs.
- Illegal stopping or parking around the Rock Store on Mulholland Highway.
- Excessive noise from motorcycles and high performance vehicles with illegal modifications.
- Speeding, crossing over the double yellow lines, and/or passing vehicles unsafely around blind curves.

Call 9-1-1 in case of emergencies.

**CHP Toll Free Information** 1-800-TELL CHP (835-5247)

**West Valley CHP, Woodland Hills** 5825 De Soto Avenue

(818) 888-0980

L.A. County Sheriff Lost Hills / Malibu Station

27050 Agoura Road (818) 878-1808

# **Teen Driving Programs**

Contact your local CHP office for class dates and information.

## START SMART

A driver safety education class targeting new and future teenage drivers and their parents.

## **EVERY 15 MINUTES**

A two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors that features a dramatic reenactment of the real life tragedies resulting from drunk driving. The program challenges teens to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends and many others.

# **SOBER GRADUATION**

The program was established by the CHP in 1985. It has been recognized internationally as an effective anti-DUI program targeting high school seniors. Each year the CHP Division and Area Public Affairs Officers assist participating schools by attending rallies and fundraisers to disseminate promotional materials with anti-DUI messages.



# **Local & State Contacts**

### **CHP 24 Hour Hotline**

For traffic problems located in the unincorporated areas of the Santa Monicas, including Malibou Lake and Topanga, please call: 323-906-3434

# **CalTrans Highway Information Network**

The CHP urges people to check road conditions often. (800) 427-7623

## **California Department of Motor Vehicles**

(800) 777-0133 **www.dmv.ca.gov** 

### **California Motorcyclist Safety Program**

Rider training and safety, administered by the CHP. (877) 743-3411 www.ca-msp.org

# **Sheriff's Teen Traffic Offender Program** (STTOP)

Designed by the Lost Hills/Malibu Sheriffs station to intervene proactively to change unsafe teen driving practices. (877) 310-STOP (7867) or (818) 880-5240